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PONCE, P. R., *January 13, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended January 11, 1902. Also the mortality report of the city for the month of December, 1901, which shows 98 deaths. This is the lowest death rate, 21.4, since the beginning of the reports from this office in April, 1899, and shows a low mortality considering the unsanitary conditions.

During the week 1 vessel was inspected and passed, and 3 bills of health were issued.

Nothing special of interest in quarantine or sanitary lines has occurred.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of December, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., *January 9, 1902.*

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|--------------------------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| Diseases of— | | Tuberculosis..... | 6 |
| Digestive system..... | 40 | Cancer..... | 3 |
| Respiratory system..... | 10 | Wounds..... | 2 |
| Circulatory system..... | 7 | Cachexiæ senile..... | 1 |
| Nervous system..... | 6 | Peritonitis..... | 1 |
| Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition..... | 8 | Syphilis..... | 1 |
| Malaria..... | 11 | Total..... | 98 |
| Nephritis..... | 1 | | |
| Rhachitis..... | 1 | | |

Number of deaths reported during December, 1901 (a)..... 98

Number of deaths reported during December, 1900 (a)..... 229

Number of births reported during December, 1901 (a)..... 157

Number of births reported during December, 1900 (a)..... 85

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended January 4, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., *January 6, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended January 4, 1902. January 3, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Fort de France and Santo Domingo, with 4 immigrants.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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Report of immigrants inspected at the port of Ponce, P. R., during the month of December, 1901.

Total number of immigrants inspected, 29; number passed, 29.

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